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POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN TOKYO --

WHEN AMB SCALI STRONGLY EMPHASIZED US CONCERN ABOUT HOLDING SC MEETING IN TOKYO AND POINTED OUT THERE WAS NO LOGICAL SUBJECT TO WHICH MEETINGS COULD BE DIRECTED WHICH WOULD NOT GET INTO HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL AREAS, JAPANESE REP SAITO REPLIED THAT HIS MISSION WAS AWARE OF UN INTEREST IN HOLDING SC MEETING IN ASIA BUT HE AND HIS MISSION WERE NOT ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THIS POSSIBILITY, THOUGH INDONESIAN REP SANI SUGGESTED JAPAN DO SO. (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 449)

PUERTO RICO IN COMITE OF 24 --

WHILE CUBAN REP ALARCON HAS SPOKEN AT LENGTH AT THREE MEETINGS OF COMITE OF 24, HE HAS MADE NO REFERENCE TO PUERTO RICO THUS FAR. CAMPBELL (AUSTRALIA) TOLD USUN ALARCON HAS NOT MENTIONED PUERTO RICO IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS EITHER, AND HE (CAMPBELL) BELIEVES ALARCON SOMEWHAT HESITANT TO PUSH ISSUE SO SOON AFTER TERRORIST BOMBING OF FRAUNCES TAVERN BECAUSE CUBANS MAY FEEL NY PRESS WOULD CHARGE THEM WITH INSTIGATING PR TERRORISM IN NY. (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 448)

US-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON OUTER SPACE MATTERS --

DURING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS SOVIETS INDICATED DESIRE TO CONCLUDE MOON TREATY THIS YEAR, BUT SAID THEY DO NOT WISH TO CARRY BURDEN ALONE. THEY BELIEVE PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED ON NATURAL RESOURCES BASED ON US COUNTER-DRAFT ON ART. X, CANNOT ACCEPT PRIOR NOTIFICATION, BUT WOULD ACCEPT US POSITION THAT TREATY COVER "MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES." THEY FORESEE CONTINUING WORK ON DBS PRINCIPLES, BASE THEIR REMOTE SENSING POSITION ON SOVIET-FRENCH DRAFT TREATY, AND THEY REQUESTED ANNUAL US-USSR CONSULTATIONS ON POLITICAL AND LEGAL LEVEL. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTEL 437)

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CHAIRMANSHIP OF REMOTE SENSING WORKING GROUP --

IN SURPRISING MOVE, ARGENTINE REP COCCA IS MAKING STRONG BID TO BECOME CHAIRMAN OF REMOTE SENSING WORKING GROUP, PROPOSED BY OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMITE CHAIRMAN. (ARGENTINA IS COSPONSOR OF ONE OF TEXTS ON REMOTE SENSING WHICH STRONGLY OPPOSES US POSITION.) (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 447)

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OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMITE --

SUBCOMITE OPENED SESSION FEB. 10 AND AGREED TO CHAIRMAN WYZNER'S (POLAND) SUGGESTION THAT FIRST WEEK BE DEVOTED TO MOON TREATY, SECOND WEEK TO DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES, AND THIRD TO LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING, WITH DECISION LATER ON HOW TO USE REMAINING TIME. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO HIS PROPOSAL TO RE-ESTABLISH WORKING GROUPS ON MOON TREATY UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF HARASZTI (HUNGARY) AND ON DBS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF VELLODI (INDIA), AND THAT WORKING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING BE ESTABLISHED WITH CHAIRMANSHIP TO BE DECIDED LATER. CHAIRMAN MADE OPENING STATEMENT, PAID TRIBUTE TO LATE SOVIET ACADEMICIAN BLAGONRAVOV, AND WELCOMED NEW CHIEF OF UN OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS DIVISION, PEREK (CZECHOSLOVAKIA). ONLY OTHER SPEAKER FEB. 10 WAS PIRADOV (USSR), WHO DESCRIBED SOVIET SPACE ACHIEVEMENTS DURING PAST YEAR AND SOVIET COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, OUTLINED SOVIET POSITION ON AGENDA ITEMS, AND OPPOSED ELABORATION OF DETAILED LEGAL PROVISIONS FOR MOON'S RESOURCES AS PREMATURE.

WANG (CANADA) AND STOWE (US) MADE GENERAL STATEMENTS FEB. 11 BEFORE SUBCOMITE CONVENED AS WORKING GROUP I ON MOON TREATY. WANG EXPECTED CANADA TO SIGN REGISTRATION CONVENTION THIS MONTH AND AT SAME TIME ACCEDE TO AGREEMENT ON RESCUE AND RETURN OF ASTRONAUTS AND LIABILITY CONVENTION. ON DBS PRINCIPLES, HE SUGGESTED FOCUSING ATTENTION ON ISSUES OF PRIOR CONSENT, PARTICIPATION, AND SPILL-OVER. STOWE DESCRIBED US SPACE ACTIVITIES, EXTENDED CONFIDENTIAL

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INVITATION TO COMITE MEMBERS TO ATTEND NASA-SPONSORED EARTH RESOURCES SYMPOSIUM IN HOUSTON JUNE 8-13, SUGGESTED FOCUSING INITIALLY ON AREAS RELATING TO DBS ON WHICH THERE WAS WIDEST AGREEMENT, AND BELIEVED MORE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INVESTIGATION NECESSARY BEFORE SUBCOMITE COULD USEFULLY BEGIN ANY ATTEMPT TO DRAFT COMMONLY AGREED LANGUAGE ON REMOTE SENSING. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION OF REQUEST BY EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN LEGAL SUBCOMITE, DECISION WAS DEFERRED FOR TIME BEING.

SYG CABLE ON ERITREA --

SYG SENT CABLE TO CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN, SOMALI PRES BARRE, IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF CONTINUED

FIGHTING IN ERITREA, INDICATED HE RECEIVED NUMBER
OF MESSAGES CALLING FOR HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION BY
UN, SAID HE SENT APPEALS ON HUMANITARIAN BASIS TO
ALL SIDES, AND WAS CONFIDENT OAU, WHICH HAD ALWAYS
TAKEN VALUABLE HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES IN SUCH
SITUATIONS, WOULD ALSO WISH TO EXERCISE ITS GOOD OFFICES.
(OURTEL 450)

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DEMONSTRATIONS --

APPROXIMATELY 125 SUPPORTERS OF ERITREAN LIBERATION FORCES
PICKETED PEACEFULLY FEB. 7 OUTSIDE ETHIOPIAN MISSION AND
CONSULATE GENERAL, USUN, AND ACROSS FROM MAIN ENTRANCE
TO UN. PICKETS CARRIED SIGNS WHICH DENOUNCED 1) ETHIOPIAN
JUNTA, OR 2) "IMPERIALIST" US AND "ZIONIST" ISRAEL
SUPPORT FOR JUNTA AGAINST ERITREAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE
FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTEL 433)

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ABOUT 150 MEMBERS OF BETAR DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE OFFICES
OF LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES FEB. 9 DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR
ISRAEL. (OURTEL 440)

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FOLLOW-UP ON GA RES ON DESERTIFICATION--

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USYG NARASIMHAN IS ARRANGING FOR INTER-
AGENCY MEETING IN ROME IN MARCH TO DISCUSS HOW UN SYSTEM WILL
HANDLE ACTION ON DESERTIFICATION CALLED FOR IN GA RES, AND
OUT OF THIS SESSION INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE SHOULD EMERGE,
MISOFF LEARNEE. PRESUMABLY PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE OTC,

UNDP, UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, WMO, UNIDO AND UNCTAD. TOWNLEY, RECENTLY
DEPUTY TO WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE SYG, APPARENTLY HAS
BEEN GIVEN NOD TO HEAD UP DESERTIFICATION PROGRAM. HE
SEES THREE AREAS OF CONCERN IN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:
1) DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THERE IS SECULAR CHANGE IN CLIMATE
THAT HAS AFFECTED DESERTS(SHOULD BE TIED IN WITH GLOBAL
ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH PROGRAM OF WMO AND ICSU); 2) STUDY
OF DEMOGRAPHIC AND CULTURAL PATTERNS OF PEOPLE MOST AFFECTED
BY ECOLOGICAL MODIFICATION OF DESERT FRINGES; AND 3) ANALYTICAL
WORK ON DESERT TECHNOLOGY, I.E., ON HOW TO USE DESERT ENVIRONMENT
WITHOUT HAVING ITS TRANSFORMATION, WHICH PROBABLY
PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE, AS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE. TOWNLEY SEES
1977 CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION AS OCCASION TO REPORT PROGRESS
AND SECURE ADHERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO FOLLOW-THROUGH.
(OURTEL 446)

COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA--

AT FIRST MEETING OF YEAR FEB 11, COUNCIL RECEIVED PROPOSALS
FFROM UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, MACBRIDE, RELATING TO
SUCH MATTERS AS EXPANDED TRANSMISSIONS FOR "VOICE OF NAMIBIA",
TRAINING OF NAMIBIAN RADIO PERSONNEL, INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA,
AND ENFORCEMENT OF DECREE REGARDING NATURAL RESOURCES OF
NAMIBIA. MACBRIDE STRESSED NECESSITY OF PRINTING AND SENDING
TO ALL GOVTS THE DECREE ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF NAMIBIA,
SAID HE EXPECTED TO BEGIN TRANSFER OF HIS MAIN OFFICE FROM
NY TO LUSAKA IN MARCH/APRIL, AND REPORTED "WELCOME NEWS" THAT FOUR
US OIL COMPANIES (GETTY, PHILLIPS, TEXACO, CONTINENTAL) WHICH
HAD BEEN OPERATING OFF NAMIBIA HAD WITHDRAWN THER OPERATIONS. COUNCIL

RECEIVED INVITATION TO MEET IN INDIA WHEN IT VISITS ASIA
LATER THIS YEAR.

COUNCIL PRES BANDA (ZAMBIA) MADE STATEMENT DURING WHICH HE
SAID ONE OF COUNCIL'S GREATEST TASKS WAS TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH
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ITSELF INSIDE NAMIBIAN TERRITORY, AND HE HOPED SC WOULD TAKE
CHAP. VII MEASURES IF SA HAD NOT TAKEN STEPS TO WITHDRAW FROM
NAMIBIA BEFORE MAY 30. ROMANIAN REP SUGGESTED COUNCIL SHOULD
CONSIDER WHAT ACTIONS
WOULD BE REQUIRED AFTER MAY 30. STATEMENTS WERE ALSO MADE
BY USYG TANG AND REPLS OF FINLAND, AUSTRALIA, HAITI,
BANGLADESH, BOTSWANA, ALGERIAN AND SWAPO.

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